

# Undiagnosed Illness Hospitalizes Youth

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Our very best wishes this week go to Lance Mearing, who is now in Seaside Hospital in Long Beach. Lance is a member of Boy Scout Troop 726. His illness has not been diagnosed, but he is suffering great pain. Anyone who wants to send a greeting to Lance or who wishes to visit him may do so, Room 2-D, Seaside Hospital. Hurry and recover from your illness, Lance, so we may see you once again at the Scout meetings.

We are extending a hearty welcome to our new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, who recently arrived from the east. Dick and Frances came to live

at 5108, Zakon Rd. a couple of weeks ago, bringing with them their lovely baby, Robbie and a beautiful German Shepherd. We greet you and welcome you to our neighborhood kids, and do so hope you'll like living here.

Report from Mr. Jones, assistant principal of Seaside Elementary School as follows: Next parent-teacher meeting will be Feb. 11. The Los Cancioneros choir will present a number of songs. There is an assembly each Friday morning from 9 to 9:45 in which all grades participate. Parents are heartily welcome to these assemblies. A new teacher has made her appearance at Seaside Elementary. She is Mrs. Bee Weir from Ingleside School, now taking over and doing splendidly with the fourth and fifth grade overflow. Her husband, Mr. F. B. Weir, is vice-president of Palos Verdes College.

What excitement there was on Zakon Rd. this last Sunday! After hectic moments of wondering whether to call the Fire Department or not, Spook was rescued from his high perch atop the telephone pole. Spook is the black-as-night kitten belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Buz White. What fun!

Mrs. Agnes Wilshire, her daughter Barbara, and two grandchildren were injured in a car accident this last week. Both ladies and kiddies are doing well and recuperating from their bruises and bumped hoggins in Mrs. Wilshire's home on Zakon Rd. We are very happy that the accident wasn't serious to persons involved, though we can't say so much for the car.

# Local Navymen Return After 6 Months in Orient

Two local men were aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge docked at San Diego Harbor Monday after a six-month tour of duty in the Far East.

Returning with Composite Squadron 35 were Earnest L. Jacobson, aviation machinist's mate third class, USN, son of the D. A. Jacobsons of 930 W. 258th St., Harbor City; and Brent D. Wilson, fireman, USN, son of the J. P. Wilsons of 24336 Lucille Ave., Lomita. This was the ship's second tour of duty in the Orient since recommissioning in February, 1952.

# Cal Extension Driver Course To Begin Here

A class in the teaching of driver education and driver training will open today at Torrance High School from 4 to 7 p.m. for 10 meetings under Instructor Marshall Crawshaw, director of adult education.

The class is one of over 600 daytime and evening classes being offered in Southern California through the University of California Extension.

Most of these classes will be held at the University's major classroom centers at 813 S. Hill St. in Los Angeles and at UCLA. A spring catalogue, listing all classes, can be obtained without charge by calling BRadshaw 2-6161, or TUcker 6123. Courses will be offered in Anaheim, Aradid, Bakersfield, Baldwin Park, Big Bear, Burbank, Bloomington, Colton, Downey, El Monte, Fullerton, Hawthorne, Glendale, Lancaster, Long Beach, Needles, Montebello, Ontario, North Hollywood, Norwalk, Paramount, Poona, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Gabriel, Sunnymead, Santa Monica, Taft, West Los Angeles, Venice and Whittier.

# Confusion on 1953 Tax Returns Explained by Revenue Officials

Many persons are apparently confused by news from Washington regarding proposed changes in income tax laws, believing that they will apply to the income tax returns now due, according to Robert A. Riddell, district director of Internal Revenue.

None of the new proposals will have any effect on the returns which must be filed between now and March 15, Riddell said. These returns will report income and deductions for the year 1953. The new proposals, if enacted into law, will affect 1954 income and deductions, which will be reported in March, 1955.

Because of the fact that the reduction in individual income tax rates was provided for in a prior year, numerous persons believe that the reduction is effective as to 1953 income. This is a misapprehension. The rates on 1953 income are identical with those applicable to 1952 income. The new rate reduction, amounting to approximately 10 per cent, will be applied to income received on and after Jan. 1, 1954.

### Another Phase

The so-called head-of-household provision, which was effective for the first time last year, is another source of misunderstanding. To qualify for the special tax treatment accorded under this provision, an individual must be unmarried (single, legally separated, or a widow or widower) on the last day of the taxable year; must have furnished over one-half of the maintenance of a home which, except for temporary absences, has been his or her principal residence and has been shared during the entire taxable year.

with one or more of the following relatives:

- (1) Any person for whom the taxpayer is entitled to an exemption; or
  - (2) The unmarried descendant or the unmarried step-child of the taxpayer, even though such person does not qualify as a dependent.
- A taxpayer is considered as maintaining a household only if he or she pays more than one-half the cost of such maintenance. Included in the cost of "maintaining the household" are such items as mortgage interest, rent, taxes, insurance on the dwelling and premises, upkeep and repairs, utilities, domestic help, and food consumed in the home. It does not include expenses incurred for clothing, education, medical treatment, vacations, life insurance, or the value of personal services rendered by the taxpayer or by any other member of the household.

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# MARINE IN BIG SHOOT

Marine Pfc. Pete J. Dodds, son of Mrs. Marigo J. Dodds of 2134 S. Borendo Ave., recently participated in the largest firing exercise held by the artillery regiment of the 3rd Marine Division since its arrival in Japan. The Fuji-McNair combat range, used during World War II as a training area by the Japanese Imperial Army, was the scene of the big shoot. The exercise included a regimental time-on-target problem in which the Leatherneck cannoners massed their fire on one target, timed so precisely that every round exploded in the impact area simultaneously.

The 3rd Marine Division is deployed throughout Central Honshu, with the 12th Marine (artillery regiment) stationed at Camp McNair, on the slopes of Fujiyama, Japan's sacred mountain.

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